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THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" That matter has been engaging the attention of the Government. As question of finance was involved in this matter, it was deferred in 1953. We have now taken up the matter again and we are examining the proposal."

Sengipatti Tuberculosis Sanatorium

* 1067 *Q.*—SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state with reference to answer to question No. 550 given on 6th May 1954 whether the Government have since decided to give an yearly grant to the Sengipatti Tuberculosis Sanatorium in the Tanjore district and, if so, what it is?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" In July 1954, the Government sanctioned a maintenance grant of Rs. 10,000 to the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Tanjore, as there was a deficit in the accounts of this institution for the year 1952–53. There was no deficit in the accounts of the sanatorium for the year 1953–54 and the question of sanctioning an annual recurring grant towards the maintenance of this institution does not arise at present."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know whether non-gazetted officers can avail themselves of the concession of free medical facilities granted by the Government in this Tuberculosis sanatorium also? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I presume, Sir, that non-gazetted officers can avail themselves of the medical facilities even in private sanatoria and recover the amounts paid by them from the Government."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" May I know whether the Government will allot increased grants for increasing the number of free beds? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Only maintenance grants are given to Tuberculosis sanatoria on net cost basis subject to a certain minimum fixed by the Government."

Area Committees

* 1068 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the term of the members of all the Area Committees appointed under Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1951, expired on 30th September 1954;

(*b*) if so, why new members to these committees have not yet been appointed; and

(*c*) whether lists of prospective persons to be appointed are pending with the Government for the last three months?